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VIA ECF

Honorable Mary Kay Vyskocil
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
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**RE: JUAN MERCADO SANCHEZ and ALEJANDRO SANCHEZ v.
FIVE BROTHERS AUTO SPA AND LUBE CORP. and HAK SANG MEIER
INDEX NO.: 1:20-cv-01238-MKV
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

Dear Judge Vyskocil:

As Your Honor is aware, this firm represents the Defendants in the above-referenced matter. We respectfully submit this letter, jointly and with consent from Plaintiffs' counsel, requesting an extension of the due date for the joint status letter concerning mediation and an adjournment of the initial pretrial conference set forth in Your Honor's February 2, 2021 Order. The conference is currently scheduled for March 5, 2021.

The parties were scheduled for the second session of mediation for February 15, 2021, anticipating that Defendants would prepare some documents for review by Plaintiffs and the mediator. However, the individual defendant and the principal of the corporate defendant, Mr. Meier, received the COVID-19 vaccination and suffered from severe side effects thereof. This was so because Mr. Meier is undergoing treatment for his stage 4 cancer and his immune system is substantially weakened. For this reason, he was unable to prepare those documents. The parties have rescheduled the second session of mediation for March 16, 2021 (see February 16, 2021 docket entry).

In view of the foregoing, the parties respectfully request that the due date for the joint status report referenced in Your Honor's February 2, 2021 Order (DE#33) be extended until March 21, 2021, five days after the currently scheduled mediation date. The parties also respectfully request that the initial pretrial conference be adjourned and rescheduled to late March or as soon thereafter as Your Honor may be available.

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Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Seokchan Kwak


Seokchan Kwak

cc: Plaintiff's counsel.

GRANTED. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall submit the joint status letter regarding mediation on or before March 21, 2021. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Initial Pretrial Conference scheduled for March 5, 2021, at 12:00 PM is adjourned to April 6, 2021, at 11:30 AM. The parties shall submit their joint letter and proposed case management plan and scheduling order on or before March 30, 2021. [See ECF No. 31.]

SO ORDERED.

Date: 2/22/2021
New York, New York


Mary Kay Vyskocil
United States District Judge